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1. MIDEAST: HEAVY MEDIA PLAY CONTINUES, WITH EMPHASIS ON SECSTATE KISSINGER'S FORTHCOMING AREA TRIP AND IN CHANGE OF HOLLAND'S MIDEAST POLICY. SAMPLE COMMENTARIES:

(A) O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO CORRESPONDENT IN BEIRUT, ISSA GORAIB , WRITES:"DESPITE THE SERIOUS AGGRAVATION OF TENSION IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI FRONT, ALL ATTENTION ALREADY IS BEING PAID TO THE IMPORTANT DIPLOMATIC PHASE REPRESENTED BY HENRY KISSINGER'S NEW MIDEAST VISIT...THE GENERAL BELIEF IS THAT MULTIPLICATION OF INCIDENTS AND SUBSEQUENT AGGRAVATION OF THE SITUATION...NATURALLY, NO ONE IS EXPECTING A KISSINGER MIRACLE' BUT THE ARABS DID NOT LOSE HOPES OF SEING THE CHIEF OF U.S. DIPLOMACY OBTAIN TEL AVIV CONCESSIONS WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE ARABS TO SAFEGUARD THEIR PRESTIGE..." SAME PAPER'S CORRESPONDENT IN TEL AVIV, NELSON SANTOS,SAYS: " THE U.S.IS MUCH MORE ACTIVE IN DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS THAN THE USSR... NEXT WEEK KISSINGER WILL BE VISITING MANY ARAB CAPITALS IN ORDER TO MAKE THE LAST ARRANGEMENTS BEFORE THE

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GENEVA MEETING...HOWEVER, THE TWO SUPERPOWERS DID NOT

ESTABLISH TROOP DISENGAGEMENT AS A CONDITION FOR THE PEACE TALKS DESPITE THE NECESSITY FOR SUCH A DISENGAGEMENT TO PREVENT NEW FIGHTING BETWEEN THE CONFLICTING PARTIES. IF MUCH FIGHTING OCCURS, IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO OPEN THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE. ... A FAILURE IN GENEVA WOULD ALSO REPRESENT A FAILURE OF THE SUPERPOWERS AND WOULD IMMEDIATELY RESULT IN REOPENING OF THE MIDEAST CONFLICT..."(DECEMBER 6).

(B) O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON NEW DUTCH MIDEAST POLICY:"...HOLLAND YELDED TO THE ARABS' BLACKMAIL NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF PETROLEUM, BU ALSO BECAUSE IT LACKED EUROPEAN SUPPORT...TRYING TO SAVE THE COUNTRY'S DIGNITY, THE DUTCH FORMIN SAID THE NATION'S POSITION HAS NOT CHANGED, ...BUT ONLY WAS MADE CLEAR...AT THIS POINT IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE TO USE STRONG WORDS SUCH AS 'INDIGNITY'OR 'DISHONOR' DESPITE THEIR HAVING BEING USED BY LEADING EUROPEAN CITIZENS AND JOURNALISTS WHO EVEN HAVE MENTIONED A 'MUNICH OF PETROLEUM.' BUT IT IS VITAL TO SAY...THAT THERE EXIST CLEAR LIMITS BEYOND WHICH THE POLICY OF YELDING TO BLACKMAIL ...IS STRATEGICALLY DANGEROUS AND TACTICALLY NONSENSE..." (DECEMBER 6).

2. INDEPENDENT JORNAL DO BRASIL (RIO) EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON MEANING OF ROMANIAN PRESIDENT CEAURESCU'S VISIT TO THE U.S. "...THE USSR NOT ONLY DID NOT TRY TO PREVENT CEAUSESCU FROM SEEKING AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR HIS COUNTRY'S INDUSTRIALIZATION, BUT EVEN IS PLEASED WITH THE FACT THAT ONE MEMBER OF THE WARSAW PACT MAINTAINS GOOD RELATIONS WITH BOTH ARABS AND ISRAELIS..." (DECEMBER 6).
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